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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your return note of April 10th. You're harder to find than I am.

I appreciate your offer to reprint my letter in the National Review, but now that I have gotten it off my chest and the trial concerning the publication of Mr. Snapp's book will begin very shortly, I think it best that past comments I have made in writing should probably not be publicized at a time when such publicity might affect the trial. As a matter of fact, we have learned since I wrote that letter that it deals with what we expect to be a central issue in the upcoming trial, namely Mr. Snapp's desire to write what he termed an after-action report concerning the evacuation of Vietnam. As a result, I should like to restrict further comment to the courtroom until such time as the matter is concluded. After the litigation is finished I would be quite pleased to have you publish the letter, but am sure by then it would be of more interest to an historical review.

In any case, you were good to give me a chance to comment and I would be very grateful if you would hold off for the time being.

You can bet that I am keeping my eyes on the Russian fleet as well as former CIA employees who write columns on intelligence without submitting them to me for clearance as required by their secrecy agreement.

Yours,

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